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SOUTH CHINA

USIB Requirement

1. There are now 20 targets in the South China area requiring frequent coverage with high resolution stereo photography. On 25 February^a out of regard for the worsening situation in Southeast Asia the Board approved a change in the South China requirement from quarterly coverage to monthly coverage, this coverage to be achieved either by U-2 or BLUE SPRINGS (drone). On 3 March^b a further comprehensive review was made of the South China situation, and it was decided that within the monthly requirement to cover the total targets in the area, as specified in the long-range program, a systematic effort be made to the fullest extent that weather will permit to obtain with U-2 and BLUE SPRINGS immediate coverage of a revised list of targets^c and subsequently for the time being to obtain weekly coverage of a representative one-quarter of these targets. At the time that this was agreed to, the Board also requested the Chairman, COMOR to make a weekly report to the Board on the photographic coverage obtained and any changes in targeting. On 17 March^d questions of South China coverage were again considered and the requirement was revalidated but the emphasis was placed on close coordination of BLUE SPRINGS and U-2 with attempts being made to get BLUE SPRINGS coverage before sending the U-2.

Authority for Reconnaissance

2. The question of South China coverage has not been considered by the 303 Committee separate from China as a whole.

^aUSIB-D-41.14/218 (COMOR-D-25/140), 26 February 1965

^bUSIB-D-41.14/223 (COMOR-D-25/144), 5 March 1965

^cUSIB-D-41.14/221 (COMOR-D-25/142), 27 February 1965

^dUSIB-D-41.15/67, 18 March 1965

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3. There are presently 20 targets in the South China area which are considered pertinent to the Southeast Asia crisis and require frequent coverage with high resolution stereo photography. During the period U-2 missions [REDACTED] covered only six of these high priority targets and these were all in the western area. The map on the opposite page shows total COMOR targets and depicts the 20 special targets by underlining the COMOR number. The asterisks indicate five airfields on which coverage on the same day is desired.

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4. BLUE SPRINGS did not achieve any coverage in this period.

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